

Dublin, June 14, 1853.

My dear Mr. May. As I look upon you  
as Mr. Estlin's "best friend" here and the Atlantic  
and it is probable you have heard rumors  
of his recent alarming illness, I think  
it only good natured (how that an oppor-  
tunity occurs) to let you know how he  
is getting on.

Exactly a month ago - the 16<sup>th</sup> of May - I  
reached London from Plymouth in Devonshire  
where I had been seeing my son off to  
Austrian - the voyage being recommended  
for the good of his health. On arriving at  
Mr. Estlin's lodging where I also meant to put  
up - I found here his daughter, Miss W.  
of the same name, Mr. Estlin's, Sarah Park, the W.  
woman in high and narrow collar. I remained  
4 days in London when I had to return  
to Ireland. In a few days I got a long  
letter from Mr. Estlin telling me how matters  
were proceeding for the good of the cause -  
and in about a week after I had a letter  
from S. Park telling me that as Miss Estlin  
looking on to her had her father was, one  
morning, she found his voice affected, this  
night ~~was~~ was paralyzed. The best help  
that London could furnish was soon at hand,



quiet and abstinence from all excitement were recommended, and they got a favorite servant from Bristol, and every thing has since gone on as well as could be looked for. Mr. Estlin was sick up for a good part of every evening and they think themselves better off than if the attack had happened in Bristol, where they are so well known, and callers & friends would have to be met and answered. Mr. Estlin has sent me his views about the contents of the last Advocate. His last letter was the one he wrote me since I returned. He seemed to live as much for the promotion of the Anti Slavery cause as for any other object, and his pen was always freely open to any object that was likely to effect its progress.

For the last 8 years I have had him for a constant correspondent - I have been three times in Bristol. Mrs. Estlin and her father were our guests for a fortnight last year - & this interview was very delightful & gratifying to me. For with no one else did I find such full sympathy in Anti Slavery matters, and we felt as much together as two men could feel whose training, country, associates, & education were so very different. He has felt as near to me as a brother - heaves in fact to my feelings of affection & respects these many relations.




I need not tell you that I heartily sym-  
pathize in the pleasure you must all feel  
in the success of your new York meeting.  
It appears to have gone off most auspici-  
ously.

We are glad to hope that Mr. Estlin  
will may regain his former health  
- but he must take even more care  
of himself than hitherto, and we  
dare not ask for the same personal  
activity as heretofore.

Very truly yours

Rich D Webb





From  
R. D. Webb, } Mr. Estlin.

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